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The Security Council,

Taking note of the letters from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon dated 13 April 1996 (S/1996/280 and S/1996/281),

Having heard the statement of the Permanent Representative of Lebanon,

Gravely concerned at the deterioration of the situation in the Middle East and its consequences to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Convinced that the present situation impedes the achievement of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East,

Reaffirming the necessity to respect the Geneva conventions of 1949 in particular, the provisions related to the protection of civilians during armed conflict and the responsibility of the high contracting parties to ensure the full compliance with its provisions,

Noting that the military actions by the Israeli armed forces against the electrical power stations and residential areas were premeditated and carefully planned,

1. Calls upon Israel immediately to cease its military action against the Lebanese territorial integrity and withdraw forthwith its forces from all Lebanese territory;

2. Calls for strict respect for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;

3. Calls also upon Israel to fully implement all relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 425 (1978);

4. Strongly condemns the Israeli aggression against Lebanon which has brought about high tolls of civilian casualties, led to the displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians and a massive destruction of Lebanon's infrastructure;

5. Strongly condemns the bombardment of the archaeological and cultural sites and monuments in the city of Tyre which are internationally protected, in accordance with international law and The Hague Convention of 1954, and which are considered by UNESCO as heritage to all mankind;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to launch a massive plan of action to assist the Government of Lebanon to overcome the hardships resulting from the Israeli aggression in order to allow the Lebanese Government to sustain its reconstruction efforts;

7. Stresses the responsibilities of the United Nations and its agencies towards the humanitarian needs of the Lebanese civilian population, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure the discharge of those responsibilities in coordination with the Government of Lebanon;

8. Considers that Lebanon is entitled to appropriate redress for the destruction it has suffered and holds Israel responsible for adequate compensations for such destruction;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Council informed on developments and in no later than twenty-four hours;

10. Decides to remain seized of the matter.